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HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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APPROVAL OF COURSE BY INGOU
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the courses/programme run by the Delhi Univedity, IGNOU, Jamia Milia Islamia under Open Distance Learning (ODL) system are not approved by DEC, IGNOU so far;

(b) if so, the action taken/proposed to be tak~n by the Government to close down the ODL system of the above said universities;

(c) whether the students who got degree under Open Distance Learning System from Central University/State UniversitylDeemed University will not get any Central Government job provided the programmes/courses have been approved by the Distance Education Council IGNOlJ; and

(d) if so, the details therl~of and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) As per the infomlation furnished by Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), the Distance Education Council has requested all the Universities o::fering distance education programme to send their material for the process of assessme.tlt and approval by 31 st March, 2006. In response, more than 80 Universities offering acad,emic programmes through distance mode have submitted applications for approval. Del.hi University and Jamia Milia IsJlamia are yet to apply for their programmes. As in the case of other Universitiesl institutions, IGNOU was also required to seek the approval of DEC whi.ch the university did. IGNOU programmes are under evaluation and a large number of them like BCA, MCA, MBA, REd., M.A. in History and Political Science`, B.Sc Nursing, etc. have already been approved with the concurrence of the concerned statutory organizations like AICTE, NCTE, Nursing Council ofIndia etc. wherever required.

(b) Response from the Universities is very positive. After following a procedure, some courses and programmes of Institutions have already been approved. In some other cases deficiencies have been pointed out for improvement in quality of their course materials. Some of the institutions have responded positively to the suggestions given by the expert committees constituted by DEC and are taking steps to remove the deficiency. Some others did not care for the communication received from the DEC in respect of improvement in quality of course materials and infrastructure facilities at head quarter and. study centers. Subsequently DEC notified non-recognition of courses and programmes only in case `of those institutions which deliberately and knowingly did not follow the removal of deficiencies pointed out by DEC.

(c) & (d) The Gazette Notification No. 44 dated 1st March, 1995 issued by the Minislry and UGC circular stipulate that the degrees issued by any University will not be valid for appointment in Central Government posts/services unless the programme has been approved by Distance Education Council. The mandate of Distance Education Council is to promote, regulate and improve the standard of education offered through distance mode.